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To Whom it May Concern:

I wish to record my opposition to the proposed settlement in the Microsoft Antitrust case.

I oppose any settlement that will make it easier and cheaper for educational institutions to use Microsoft operating systems and application software, as this will result in even greater numbers of students coming to believe that Microsoft products are the only things that make a computer work at all.

I believe that Microsoft must be prevented from penalizing computer manufacturers who choose to offer computers with non-Microsoft operating systems or without an operating system at all.

I believe that Microsoft must be prevented from imposing licensing restrictions that prevent users from using Microsoft application software (or programs created with the aid of Microsoft programing tools) on Windows-compatible non-Microsoft operating systems such as OS/2, eComStation, and Linux.

Yours truly,

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